THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN): (a) and (b) As on 28th February, 1986, there were 72 cotton textile mills in the country that were closed, affecting about one lakh workers. As per the information available with the Government management of Empress Mills had put up a notice declaring its intention to close the mill from 5-5-1986 on account of heavy losses.

(c) The proposal for the setting up of a rehabilitation fund for workers affected by the permanent closure of textile units has not been finalised so far.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) As envisaged in the New Textile Policy where a Unit has no expectation of becoming viable in a reasonable period of time, there may be no alternative but to allow the unit to close down. Takeover by the Government or nationalisation of such sick units does not provide soluton to the problems of sickness and the Government would not, as a rule, intervene in such cases. No change is envisaged in this policy.

Sugar samples

1154. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar samples taken from sugar factories during the last four years, year-wise and State-wise and the expenditure incurred in collecting the samples;

(b) what action has been taken by Government against those sugar factories which did not confirm to the ISS grade specifications;

(c) what is the number of sugar factories, if any, convicted by the courts, State-wise on the ground stated at (b) above; and

(d) whether this had any impact on the quality of sugar supplied through Public Distribution System?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) A statement showing the year-wise and State-wise number of sugar samples drawn from sugar factories during the last four calendar years, i.e. from 1982 to 1985, is attached. [*See* below). The year-wise expenditure involved, by way of TA & DA, in collecting these samples is given as under:-

Year	Expenditure (Rs.)
1982	34,555·25
1983	34,596·95
1984	39,593·95
1985	43,637·75

(b) (i) 306 warning letters were issued to the defaulting sugar factories to correctly grade their sugar stocks with regard to colour before despatch and to be more careful in future in this regard; and

(ii) 45 cases were recommended to the various State Governments for launching prosecution proceedings against the defaulting sugar factories for contravention of the statutory provisions.

(c) These prosecutions are launched by the State Government from whom no reports have been received so far.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Statement

Year-wise and State-wise number of Sugar samples drawn from sugar factories during the last four calendar years, i. e. from 1982 to 1985

S.No.	State	Number of sugar samples drawn			
		1982	1983	1984	1985
1	Uttar Pradesh	1836	2374	2240	1412
2	Bihar	659	875	615	415
3	West Bengal	8	21	3	14
4	Assam	...	..	17	8
5	Haryana	54	118	68	55
6	Punjab	80	137	60	170
7	Rajasthan	43	88	80	5
8	Madhya Pradesh	101	165	156	37
9	Orissa	21	32	56	33
10	Maharashtra	1592	2549	1609	1040
11	Andhra Pradesh	430	497	403	325
12	Gujarat	226	328	258	68
13	Karnataka	643	1036	522	446
14	Tamil Nadu	711	700	385	408
15	Kerala	27	26	11	12
16	Pondicherry	26	30	18	31
17	Nagaland	..	..	17	14
18	Goa	6	12	6	2
	TOTAL	6463	8988	6524	4495

Violation of 20 per cent sale order of 1979 by Sugar factories

1155. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sugar factories which were found violating 20 per cent sale order of 1979 during the last four years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) what action has ben taken by Government in each such cases; and

(c) what is the number of cases, if any field in the courts, State-wise and the number of sugar factories which were finally convicted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Order dated 28th June, 1979 *inter-alia* provided for the sale and despatch of minimum 20 per cent of the monthly free sale quota released to a factory on weekly basis. This order was superseded by the Order dated 9th May, 1980 which besides retaining the aforesaid provisions relating to minimum weekly 20 per cent sale and despatch of free sale sugar,